Road proposals from NER

1314. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received some road proposals from the States of North-Eastern Region, particularly from the State of Sikkim during the current year for upgradation, improvement and development of various National Highways including NH-31;

(b) if so, the road-wise/NH-wise details thereof alongwith the funds allocated and the works undertaken so far by Government in this regard; and

(c) the target date of completion for the above projects in NER ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Funds are allocated State-wise, and not NH-wise. Details of proposals received and funds allocated under NH(O), State-wise are given below. Funds are allocated on a continuous basis, covering balance of the proposals approved upto previous year as well as the proposals approved during the current year. It is too early, therefore, to indicate the works undertaken and target date of completion of the proposals received during the current year.

State	No. of proposals	Amount (Rs. in crore)	Funds allocated for on-going and new works (Rs. in crore)
Assam	5	Rs. 33.41 crore	48.00
Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	4.00
Manipur	-	-	10.00
Mizoram	-	-	13.00
Meghalaya	-	-	18.00
Nagaland	4	24.46	7.00

Supply of DWT Bulkers by HSL

1315. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) entered an agreement with Goodearth Maritime Limited (GML) for construction of DWT Bulkers;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that HSL is constructing at the rate of 30000 DWT Bulkers for 17.5 Million USD and 53000 DWT bulkers for 25.5 Million USD each; and

(c) if so, the details of the contract and the International rate of such capacity Bulkers?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) HSL has entered into an agreement with M/s Goodearth Maritime Limited, Chennai for construction of 2 + 2 Nos. of 30,000 DWT and 6 Nos. 53,000 DWT blilkers as per the details given hereunder:

Type of Vessel	Contract signed on	Contractual Price of Vessel	Delivery Schedule
1st 30,000 DWT vessel	21.05.2004	US$ 17.514 Million per vessel	24 months
2nd 30,000 DWT vessel			30 months
3rd 30,000 DWT vessel	03.01.2005		36 months
4th 30,000 DWT vessel			40 months
1st 53,000 DWT Vessel	08.04.2005	US$ 25.5303 Million per vessel	28 months
2nd 53,000 DWT Vessel			36 months
3rd 53,000 DWT Vessel			42 months
4th 53,000 DWT Vessel			48 months
5th 53,000 DWT Vessel			54 months
6th 53,000 DWT Vessel			60 months

2. As regards the international rate of such capacity bulkers, HSL has informed that in 2004 a similar ship of 30,000 DWT bulker would not have been more than US $ 17.5-18 million.

3. As regards 53,000 DWT bulkers, the new building prices for 45-55,000 DWT bulk carriers is reported to be US $ 32 million per vessels during April, 2005. As informed by HSL, it is getting a price of US $ 34.2106 million including VAT and Subsidy.

Changes in working of MMD

1316. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the targets set by Government for 2007-08 to bring in changes in the way the Mercantile Marine Department (MMD) functions under D.G. Shipping;

(b) whether minor changes have been proposed to reduce delays and whimsical demands of surveyors;

(c) how many ports have MMD offices to do surveys;

(d) the safeguards that would be instituted to reduce arbitrariness, delays, needless demands, expensive surveys and harassment for small companies and people; and